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1. With regard to the activities of Albanian groups in Yugoslavia, it is rumored that Cefo Buletini has advised Tito not to rely on the advice of Gani Beg Kryeziu alone, but to make contact with other Albanian anti-Communist refugees as well. () there was a rumored antagonism between Buletini and Gani Kryeziu).
2. In any event, () the welcome which Tito extended to Albanian refugees, without discrimination as to political ideologies, has encouraged other Albanians to cross the Albanian-Yugoslav border. From the Shkoder and Dukagjin mountain regions alone more than 3,000 persons have crossed over to Yugoslavia. Tito has reportedly permitted the men to carry arms, and has arranged for their families to spend the summer months at a resort near Dubrovnik.
3. Nik Gjelos Gjoka, a former officer in the Fascist militia, reportedly heads a small band of 50 men; with Tito's aid, Gjoka is said to cross the border frequently into Albania.
4. Cefo Ulqini is said to have recently left his hiding-place in the Montenegro region, having been requested to visit Belgrade for the purpose of advising on the situation in his area.
5. Several recent reports have been received referring to the recent death of Bajram Bajraktari,* who allegedly committed suicide in Peja, under "very mysterious circumstances".
6. () internal resistance in Albania has emerged into the open with the assassination of Bardhok Biba,** a deputy for the Mirdite, as a result of which a retaliatory purge was instituted by Mehmet Shehu. Bilal Kola is said to have been active in the Mati region; he controls resistance bands of his own in Dibra, Kruje, Kavaje, Peqin and Elbasan. () the recent organization of pro-Xoxe, anti-government, elements in the south, as well as the formation of the "Koci Xoxe Brigade" in the Shkoder region, which allegedly is preparing to march into Albania from the Yugoslav border.

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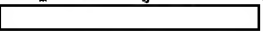
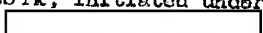
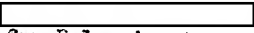
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7. Early in October the soldiers' barracks of Pogradec were attacked by bands under a leader named Belishova. The attack lasted several hours, until it was dispersed by motorized units sent from Korco. There was also reported a good deal of anti-Communist activity in the regions of Prizren and Peja, in Yugoslavia.
8. With regard to the present political picture in the Albanian Government, Mehmet Shehu is now described as being the trusted man of the USSR; he has, however, so far kept mostly in the background, letting Hoxha do all the speech-making.  General Hoxha is trying to approach the Western powers and follow Tito's example.
9. Some of the Soviet organizers are said to have left Tirana, while fortification work, initiated under Soviet supervision, has reportedly been stopped.  there are no Soviet troops in Albania, with the exception of those in the National Defense (sic - DMP?).
10. With regard to the Greek guerrillas in Albania,  groups of these troops have already started from Vlone for Bulgaria, by sea, while other groups are still in camps near Elbasan. These men are allegedly very bitter against the USSR because of the elimination of Markos, who was very popular, and also because of the cessation of Soviet aid to the rebels.
11. There is reportedly a Soviet center near Gramshbi (Skoder) (sic), from which all Albanians are excluded; while in Kamze there is said to be a training school, directed exclusively by Soviet personnel, where military and sabotage instruction is given.

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